

the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11061.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee began markup of S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, November 4.

INCREASING HEALTH COSTS FACING SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine increas-

ing health costs facing small businesses, after receiving testimony from Sandy Praeger, Kansas Insurance Commissioner, Topeka, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Art Cullen, The Storm Lake Times, Storm Lake, Iowa; Walter Rowen, Susquehanna Glass, Columbia, Pennsylvania; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, DHE Consulting, LLC, Arlington, Virginia; Karen Bender, Oliver Wyman Actuarial Consulting, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Jonathan Gruber, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 3986–4013; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 207; and H. Res. 886–887 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 884, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3639) to amend the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 to establish an earlier effective date for various consumer protections (H. Rept. 111–326) and

H. Res. 885, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2868) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to extend, modify, and recodify the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to enhance security and protect against acts of terrorism against chemical facilities (H. Rept. 111–327).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Blumenauer to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 8:15 a.m. and reconvened at 9:00 a.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:02 a.m. for the purpose of receiving Her Excellency Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Ger-

many. The House reconvened at noon, and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record.

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Joint Meeting to receive Her Excellency Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany: The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive Her Excellency Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany. She was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Hoyer, Clyburn, Larson (CT), Becerra, DeLauro, Berman, Slaughter, Delahunt, Carnahan, McMahon, Boehner, Cantor, Pence, McCotter, McMorris Rodgers, McCarthy (CA), Dreier, Ros-Lehtinen, Wilson (SC), and Poe; and Senators Reid, Durbin, Kerry, Merkley, McConnell, Kyl, Alexander, Murkowski, Cornyn, and Thune.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, November 2nd:

Veterans' Small Business Assistance and Servicemembers Protection Act of 2009: H.R. 3949, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, and the Servicemember Civil Relief Act, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 382 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 835;

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